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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT
MAILED OCTOBER 6, 2006

Dear Sir:

The Notice of Abandonment mailed October 6, 2006 is in error and Applicant seeks withdrawal thereof.

REMARKS

The Notice of Abandonment mailed on October 6, 2006 states this application has been abandoned due to Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on September 16, 2003. Applicant has, however, responded to the September 16, 2003 Office Action by filing on December 16, 2003: (1) Petition Under 37 CFR §1.144 Seeking Supervisory Review of Prosecution; (2) Request for Reinstatement of Appeal Filed July 7, 2003; and (3) Supplemental Appeal Brief Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191 and 1.192. These three documents appear in the Image File Wrapper in PAIR (copy enclosed).

Therefore, the October 6, 2006 Notice of Abandonment has been issued in error, and withdrawal thereof is hereby respectfully requested.

Additionally, a Decision granting Applicant's December 16, 2003 has been issued on May 24, 2004. This document also appears in the Image File Wrapper in PAIR.

Applicant has filed two additional documents since receiving the December 16, 2003 Decision. Those documents being: (1) a Status Inquiry on February 1, 2006; and (2) on April 6, 2006, a Petition to Group Director to Request Examiner Reassignment. The February 1, 2006 Status Request appears in the IFW. The April 6, 2006 Petition, however, does not appear in the IFW in PAIR.

The April 6, 2006 Petition was filed via facsimile, and was received in the US PTO as evidenced by the Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission which shows a received date and time of 4/6/2006 5:07:02 PM [Eastern Daylight Time]. A complete copy of the April 6, 2006 Petition is being filed herewith.

In view of the foregoing, it is hereby respectfully requested the October 6, 2006 Notice of Abandonment be withdrawn, and that a Decision on Applicant's April 6, 2006 Petition be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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